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Remarks/Arguments

Applicant thanks Examiner for the detailed Office Action dated April 17, 2006. In response to the issues raised, the Applicant offers the following submissions and amendments.

Amendments

The invention is now defined in newly presented claim 8. Previously presented claims 1 and 7 have now been cancelled. Newly presented claim 8 highlights that the range of printing fluid dispensers has a locating feature that engages a complementary formation on the inkjet printer to ensure that it is correctly positioned so that the dispenser outlet mates with the inlet for the corresponding printing fluid. These features are shown and described at pages 22 and 23, and shown in Figures 35 to 42.

Accordingly, the amendments do not add any new matter.

35 U.S.C. §102 - Claims 1, 2, 4 to 7

Claims 1, 2, 4 to 7 stand rejected for lack of novelty in light of US 6,199,977 to Komplin et al. Claims 1 and 7 have been cancelled and the invention recast in newly presented Claim 8.

New claim 8 defines each dispenser in the range has an outlet positioned to form a fluid connection with the correct inlet on the inkjet printer to avoid any ink cross contamination. In contrast, the keying member 50 on each ink cartridge 12 described in Komplin engages a different formation on the inkjet printer so that they are at different positions. There is no disclosure of a system that allows a range of dispensers can engage the inkjet printer at the same position while ensuring that the dispenser outlet connects with the correct inlet.

Accordingly, Komplin fails to disclose all the elements of new claim 8, and therefore dependent claims 2 to 6.

35 U.S.C. §103 - Claim 3

Claim 3 stands rejected as obvious in light of Komplin in view of US 6,250,738 to Waller et al.

As discussed above, Komplin fails to anticipate all the elements of new claim 8. Waller also fails to teach a range of printing fluid dispensers that have a locating feature to position each dispenser at a single location while preventing inadvertent cross contamination of printing fluid.

Accordingly, these references do not support a §103 rejection of claim 8. It follows that dependent claim 3 is likewise novel and inventive.

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It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been successfully traversed and the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,
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